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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 14 September 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH), where you seek the following information:

- 1. How many intensive care unit (ICU) beds are available at Nelson Marlborough DHB that meet the staffing requirements outlined in the College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM) minimum standards for Level I, II, III and Paediatric ICUs?**

See: https://www.cicm.org.au/CICM_Media/CICMSite/Files/Professional/IC-1-Minimum-Standards-for-Intensive-Care-Units.pdf

Response:

We have a 7 bed Intensive Care Coronary Care Unit (ICCU), which incorporates Cardiology as well as ICU, and operates as a Level 1 unit.

- 2. What is the DHB's current Clinical Priority Assessment Criteria (CPAC) threshold for each speciality?**

Response:

Please see Table 1.

TABLE 1

Planned Care category	CPAC threshold
Gynaecology	55
Ophthalmology	60
Otorhinolaryngology	62
General Surgery	71
Orthopaedics	72

3. What were the CPAC thresholds over the previous 5 years and how many patients were declined treatment (FSA or surgery) due to capacity of the service to deliver?

Response:

Please see Table 2 for recorded changes to planned care treatment thresholds.

TABLE 2

Planned Care category	Date of change	CPAC threshold
Gynaecology	04/11/2019	55
Ophthalmology	24/10/2017	65
	23/03/2018	60
	02/11/2020	55
	02/09/2021	60
Otorhinolaryngology	24/10/2017	65
	04/11/2019	62
General Surgery	28/01/2019	71
Orthopaedics	02/09/2016	71
	26/02/2018	65
	20/08/2018	69
	28/01/2019	72

Table 3 outlines theatre cancellations due to bed capacity since 1 July 2016.

TABLE 3

Financial Year	Total
2016/17	38
2017/18	73
2018/19	57
2019/20	19
2020/21	20

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Yours sincerely



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